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- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

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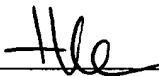
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Application No.: 10/674,019

Group Art Unit: 3738

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For: METHOD FOR CORRECTING A DEFORMITY IN THE SPINAL COLUMN AND CORRESPONDING IMPLANT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Date: August 17, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated August 9, 2004, enclosed herewith for filing are executed Declaration and Power of Attorney forms attached to a copy of the specification and drawings as originally filed for the above-identified application.

Included in the attached check is the amount of Sixty Five Dollars (\$65.00) for payment of the required surcharge fee. In the event that this check is found to be insufficient or if any additional fees are due with respect to this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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